

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An aqueous starch enrobing slurry for coating the outer surface of a potato product having an as is solids content comprising:

ungelatinized starch and not less than 50% by weight rice flour.

2. The starch enrobing slurry of claim 1 having an as is solids content comprising not less than 60% by weight rice flour.

3. The starch enrobing slurry of claim 1 having an as is solids content comprising not less than 75% by weight rice flour.

4. The starch enrobing slurry of claim 1 wherein the ungelatinized starch is selected from the group consisting of potato, corn and tapioca starches.

5. The starch enrobing slurry of claim 1 wherein the ungelatinized starch is tapioca starch.

6. A process for preparing a frozen potato product with a film-like coating on the outer surface which comprises:

cutting the raw potatoes;

blanching the potatoes;

partially drying the potatoes;

coating the potatoes with an aqueous slurry, the slurry having an as is solids content comprising ungelatinized starch and not less than 50% by weight rice flour.

7. The process of claim 6 wherein the starch enrobing slurry has an as is solids content comprising not less than 60% by weight rice flour.

8. The process of claim 6 wherein the starch enrobing slurry has an as is solids content comprising not less than 75% by weight rice flour.

9. The process of claim 6 wherein the ungelatinized starch is selected from the group consisting of potato, corn and tapioca starches.

10. The process of claim 6 wherein the ungelatinized starch is tapioca starch.

11. A dry batter mix for coating the outer surface of a potato product having an as is solids content comprising:

ungelatinized starch and not less than 50% by weight rice flour.

12. The dry batter mix of claim 11 having an as is solids content comprising not less than 60% by weight rice flour.

13. The dry batter mix of claim 11 having an as is solids content comprising not less than 75% by weight rice flour.

14. The dry batter mix of claim 11 wherein the ungelatinized starch is selected from the group consisting of potato, corn and tapioca starches.

15. The dry batter mix of claim 11 wherein the ungelatinized starch is tapioca starch.

16. A method of producing a dry batter mix for coating the outer surface comprising:

blending ungelatinized starch and not less than 50% by weight rice flour.

17. A coated potato product which is the product of claim 1.

18. An aqueous starch enrobing slurry for coating the outer surface of a potato product having an as is solids content comprising:

ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

19. The aqueous starch slurry of claim 18 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

20. A process for preparing a frozen potato product with a film-like coating on the outer surface which comprises:

cutting the raw potatoes;

blanching the potatoes;

partially drying the potatoes;

coating the potatoes with an aqueous slurry, the slurry having an as is solids content comprising ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch

having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

21. The process of claim 20 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

22. A dry batter mix for coating the outer surface of a potato product having an as is solids content comprising:

ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

23. The dry batter mix of claim 22 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

24. A method of producing a dry batter mix for coating the outer surface comprising:

blending ungelatinized, modified or unmodified potato starch having a crosslinking level of less than 400 ppm starch and not less than 35% by weight rice flour.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein the ungelatinized potato starch is unmodified.

26. A coated potato product which is the product of claim 20.